GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NEPALI MIGRANTS IN INDIA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether hundreds of Nepalis have migrated to India due to harassment by Maoists;

(b) if so, the number of such migrants;

(c) whether their number is apprehended to increase rapidly; and

(d) if so, the details of the plan being formulated by the Government to check this flow of migrants or to settle them in India?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) to (c): India has an open border and visa free regime with Nepal. Due to internal situation in Nepal, there have been some reports of temporary movement of Nepalese into India in the recent past. From the year 2004 to 2007, on few occasions large number of Nepalese were reported to have moved into Indian side from Terai region of Nepal. However, they gradually returned back to Nepal. Government does not apprehend any large scale movement in the near future.

(d): The Border Guarding Force on India-Nepal border, viz. Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) has been given task to ensure the border security. The State Govts. of UP, Bihar and Uttarakhand have also been sensitized. SSB is working in close coordination with the State Governments and the respective District Administration. The Govt. of India is also keeping a close watch on the overall situation.